

Historical and Cultural Affairs

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News

Rehabilitation of keeper's house set to begin at Fenwick Island Lighthouse

Work will begin this spring and continue into the summer of 2018.

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Fenwick Island Lighthouse complex. The keeper's house is on the left.

Division to sponsor seven special events during May 2018

Highlights include Dover Days programs, A Day in Old New Castle and "A Sailor's Life for Me," the Zwaanendael Museum's 7th Annual Maritime Celebration.

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Johnson Victrola Museum holds rededication ceremony

April 7, 2018 event celebrated the museum's 50th anniversary.

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Department of State volunteers help with spring cleanup at the John Dickinson Plantation

Activities conducted in support of National Volunteer Week.

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Staff changes

James Scott promoted; Vicki Macklin and Don DeLoach join the division.

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Division's accomplishments and future plans reviewed at all-staff meeting

Staff members take stock of the agency's direction.

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Help Save Delaware History

Draft of Delaware's statewide historic preservation plan available for comment

Deadline for submission of comments: **May 4, 2018.**

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Historic New Castle County properties nominated for National Register

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.—April 20, 2018

Nominated sites are Homestead Hall near Middletown and the England-Red Mill Historic District in Newark.

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Final act in Forwood School's demise nears

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.—April 13, 2018

Historic structure in New Castle County is disintegrating due to neglect.

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“Preserving Our Past for a Better Future: Delaware's Historic Preservation Plan, 2013–2017”

Document provides a roadmap for focusing on the broad goals and needs of Delaware's preservation community.

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Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related articles have recently appeared in the media:

[Artifacts from Roosevelt Inlet shipwreck moving to Dover](#)

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—May 1, 2018

Items to be housed in the division's main curation facilities.

[Fenwick Island Lighthouse keeper's house to be rehabbed](#)

Daily Times, Salisbury, Md.—April 24, 2018

Project to take place during spring and summer 2018.

[Pick a tour: Explore themes in Delaware's national historical park](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—April 12, 2018

Article notes division-administered sites including Fort Christina, New Castle Court House, New Castle Green, Old State House and John Dickinson Plantation.

Events

Wednesday, May 2

[Hale-Byrnes Open House](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Saturday, May 5

[Dover Days at The Old State House](#)

[Dover Days at the John Dickinson Plantation](#)

[Sounds of War: Patriotic Music](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[2018 Spring Spectacular Event](#) – Pencader Heritage Museum

Sunday, May 6

[Iron Hill Archaeology and Heritage Festival](#) – Iron Hill Museum

Saturday, May 12

[Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Saturday, May 19

[A Day in Old New Castle](#) – Downtown New Castle

[Running of the Mill](#) – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

[British in White Clay Creek](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27

[A Sailor's Life for Me](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Monday, May 28

[Memorial Day](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware will be open

For a comprehensive, long-term calendar of division-sponsored events, [go here](#).

Exhibits and Displays

Ongoing

[Discovering Delaware's Maritime Past](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Drawing America to Victory](#) – Online

[Five Stories](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania](#) – Online

[New Castle: Three Forts, One Community](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016](#) – The Old State House

[Rose Color to Gold to Glowing Red: Orville and Ethel Peets in Paris 1913-1914](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Sculpture by Charles Parks](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Simple Machines](#) – John Dickinson Plantation





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